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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80589

Masahiro OKUDA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/811,385

Group Art Unit: 1644

Confirmation No.: 3080

Examiner: Yunsoo KIM

Filed: March 29, 2004

For: REAGENT FOR DETECTING ANTI-PHOSPHOLIPID ANTIBODY AND REAGENT
KIT USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated July 14, 2006, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1 - 9 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, in which the Examiner requires Applicant to elect a single disclosed species of a specific activator of claim 4 in the case that Applicant elects Group I, Applicant elects ellagic acid as the activator species.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to non-elected claims 10 - 14, if necessary. However, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgment in Paragraph 10 at page 4 of the Office Action regarding the possibility of rejoinder, particularly with respect to the possibility of rejoinder of process claims where product claims are initially elected, which is the case here.

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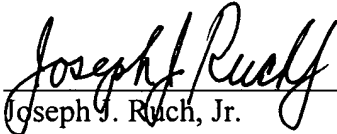
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